

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0003] as follows:

[0003] In such a media terminal, a person wishing to access a media file can select from available media files and access the selected file in various forms, for example by means of ~~lead-loud~~ speakers or headphones or by means of a video screen, or by downloading the media file in electronic form. Customers' preferences in particular media files change with time. Thus, for example, a particular piece of popular music might be much in demand for some period of time, but then decline in popularity while other, newer pieces of popular music gain in popularity. Similarly, different video media files might be popular for certain periods of time, but then decline in popularity while being replaced by later video media files. For example, a video game might remain popular for several months, but a newspaper may require updating daily. Further, e-mail must be made available only to its intended recipient.